Williams buys Children's Center

By FRANCES ABBITT

Appomattox Children's Center, located on Route 460 west of Appomattox began operating under new ownership Sept. 1.

Susan C. Williams has purchased the day care facility and plans to continue operation of the center following basically the same format as in the past.

"I am keeping the same staff and the same basic curriculum," Williams said.

A native of Newport News, Williams is married to Bruce Williams, probation counselor with the Juvenile Court in Appomattox. She has a degree in History and Library Science and for a time served as librarian in the Prince Edward County school system.

Prior to coming to Appomattox Children's Center in March of this year, Williams was associated with the Wonderful World of Children in Lynchburg, where she served as director of the day care/learning center facility for two years.

"I have taken classes in early childhood education and all of us here at the center take advantage of the training offered annually by the Appomattox County Department of Social Services. Because of my degree in teaching I am qualified to tutor," Williams said.

Assiting Williams in caring for the children are teachers Wanda Evans and Lisa Kerr and aides Barbara O'Donnell and Shirley Scruggs.

"Wanda has had classes in childhood training and is currently working on an associate degree in early child care at Central Virginia Community College," Williams added.

The Appomattox Children's Center is populated on a first-come basis. A waiting list is maintained for replacements. Children two to twelve years of age are eligible.

"We offer an opportunity for children to grow in many ways. They learn physical skills, improve coordination and become more alert mentally. The opportunity to explore and think for themselves is here. Children learn responsibility, putting away their toys, hanging up coats, and helping clear the table following meals. Children gain a sense of self-respect as well as respect for playmates. We feel each child is an important individual and has very real, personal needs. We encourage the children to practice consideration, fairness, and sympathy for others," commented Williams.

SUSAN WILLIAMS, LEFT, NEW OWNER-DIRECTOR Appomattox Childrens Center and Wanda Evans, second from left, teacher, discuss activities of the day with some of the children attending the center. Williams recently purchased the facility and plans to continue operation following approximately the same basic curriculum and format as in the past. (Photo by Frances Abbitt)

The children attending Appomattox Children's Center are exposed to many different experiences. The weekly focus on a different theme gives the children a chance to express themselves verbally and physically through art, dramatic play, music and crafts.

"Experiences are the main element in learning numbers, alphabet, colors, reading readiness, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, days of the week, months of the year, and memory. Children practice sharing toys, equipment, ideas, experiences from home with friends and teachers at the center," Williams concluded.

The center is open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. five days a week. For more information concerning policies and procedures call 352-8750.

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Woodworking	Basic fundamentals of woodworking will be taught; safety, use of hand and power tools, construction and finishing. Persons enrolling will select individual projects for the focus of instruction.	Tuesday, 7 - 9:30 pm	Tuesday, Sept. 18	20 hours	$10.00 plus materials	Vo.Ag. Dept.
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Typing, Advanced	Designed to improve typing skills especially speed of persons who have some skills in using a typewriter.	Tu & Th 7 - 9 pm	Tuesday, Sept. 18	32 hours	$20.00	Room 304, ACHS
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Shoplifting Prevention	A seminar that covers ways to detect and prevent shoplifting, handling change and checks, and laws and regulations concerning shoplifting. A must for all employees in a business.	Monday, 7 - 9 pm	Monday, Oct. 15	2 hours	$3.00	Room 305, ACHS
Personal Income Tax Seminar	A class designed to cover the details of filing personal income tax forms for state and federal returns. Conducted by the Commissioner of Revenue with questions and answers.	Monday, 7 - 10 pm	Monday, Jan. 7	3 hours	No Charge	Room 305, ACHS
Home Economics Education						
Sewing, Beginning	Class to give you the basic skills needed for those who have little or no previous experience. Projects suitable for the individual are encouraged.	Thursday, 7 - 9:30 pm	Thursday, Sept. 20	20 hours	$10.00	Room 310, ACHS
Sewing, Intermediate and Advance	A class for individuals who have had some experience with sewing and construction of garments, but who desire further skills. Individual projects are encouraged.	Thursday, 7 - 9:30pm	Thursday, Sept. 20	20 hours	$10.00	Room 310, ACHS
Upholstery	Designed for those who want to learn the basic skills needed to upholster furniture. An individual project is a requirement for the course.	Tuesday, 7 - 9:30pm	Tuesday, Sept. 18	25 hours	$15.00	Room 308, ACHS
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R e a d T h e T i m e s V i r g i n i a n

Rocks news notes

Aug. 27: School got off to a good start today. Watch out for children and drive carefully. Last long summer week end.

Edward, Pearl, and Frankie Webber and Ann Horton took Kitty and Josephine to Charlottesville to see Glenn Cole on Sunday, August 26. They found him doing much better.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. H Elder and Patricia attended another home coming on Sunday, August 26 in Albemarle Association.

A nice crowd came out for the service on Sunday night August 26.

On Wednesday Mike Richardson will have the cast he has worn on his foot for six weeks removed; he will leave for college on Saturday.

Mr. Robert Saunders returned home from the hospital Monday. May he have a speedy recovery.

It was good to have Gladys Anderson of Richmond at Rocks on Sunday August 26.

A shower honored Diane Franklin and Randy Hipps over the week end. They received many nice, useful, things.

Our smypathy goes out to Lillie Tucker of Evergreen who lost a daughter, Mrs. Scott who was buried in Fredericksburg last Saturday.

Billy Richardson returned home on last Thursday after spending a few days here.

The Community Club will meet on Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Rocks Church.

Mrs. Mary Ranson entered Virginia Baptist Hospital on Wednesday, August 29. May she have a speedy recovery.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Bessie Mann who lost a half-sister this week

The Ruritans and their wives had a picnic at Rocks Church in the fellowship hall on Tuesday night August 28.

The Pamplin Cannery was in full swing on Wednesday. Many came up from Crewe as usual.

State Mission Week of Prayer is Sept. 9-16. Our goal is $702.00, may it be reached.

Glenn Cole is doing much better. He is having his teeth pulled now.

Get well wishes go out to Burke Peters who got hurt recently.

Elon Church of Pamplin will observe homecoming on Sunday, September 16. J. Harold Anderson, a former pastor, will be guest speaker.

Fair time will soon be here.

College students will soon be leaving for the various colleges this weekend. Best of everything is wished them.

The new Sunday School rooms at Rocks will soon be completed as well as other things. Many have worked hard to get it done.

It was quite stormy here on Thursday night. So thankful for the rains.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ranson have returned from a visit with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Thackston of High Point, N.C.

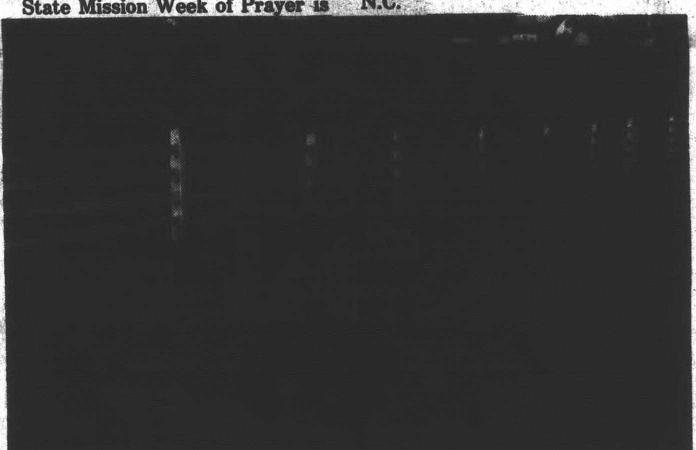
Students learn of gardening

Eighth-grade agriculture students at Appomattox Middle School learn job-related skills through home projects.

One such project is the home garden. Students are required to complete a small garden of their own.

Some of the skills learned include site selection, soil sampling, use of organic and inorganic fertilizers, vareity selection, planting methods, cultivation practices, mulching, composting, weed and insect control, and harvesting.

The Future Farmers of America, sponsors a garden contest each and awards are given to the top five gardeners. This years winners and their prizes were: 1st Place - Zane Torrence, $25.00; 2nd Place - Scott Dawson, Jr., $20.00; 3rd Place - Jason Smith, $15.00; 4th Place - Greg Jamerson, $10.00; 5th Place - Jeff Foltz $5.00.



ZANE TORRENCE, son of Dennis Torrence and Patricia Torrence of Route 2, Appomattox, was this year's first place winner of the F.F.A. Garden Contest. Zane was the recipient of $25 cash.

AMS faculty, staff says thanks to parent volunteers

Editor:

Appomattox Middle School has expanded it's Parent Volunteer Program for the 1984-85 school session.

Many parents have expressed an interest already and volunteers have given their services during the pre-school workdays. The faculty and staff wish to express their thanks to those parent volunteers who worked so diligently on August 24 in collecting fees and related responsibilities.

Your help enabled faculty members and staff to be freed for classroom planning, office operations and the many tasks required for preparation for students' arrival on opening day. Your efforts greatly contributed to a smooth school opening and we sincerely appreciate your assistance.

We look forward to working with all our parents throughout the year.

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Camping has many benefits

By CARL "SPIKE" KNUTH

Anyone who has ever camped out—even once—has experienced some of the physical and aesthetic benefits of outdoor camping. There was the fragrance of the pine woods at evening as the sun set the western sky ablaze. Maybe it was falling asleep to the chirping of crickets or the call of the whippoor-will.

Come morning, the camper may start the day by witnessing the sun rising over calm, steaming waters. Somehow, food cooked outside seems to smell and taste better than the same food cooked at home.

Now, while the mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, heat, cold or rain have been left out of this beautiful picture of the benefits of camping, the camper and his family are still in a position to enjoy some of the bonuses of outdoor living. They can participate in any number of activities, including boating, fishing, swimming, water skiing, hiking or just sight-seeing. Improved camping facilities have opened the door to some wonderful, close-to-Nature activities with added extra attractions.

One such bonus is birdwatching, and the camper should well consider it for his family, not only for enjoyment, but to teach appreciation of our wonderful wild creatures. No one is in a better position to view birdlife through the seasons than the camper, since he or she literally lives with them. Campgrounds have been built in just about every imaginable type of surroundings: in pinewoods, in mixed hardwoods, along lakeshores, field edges, brushy stream banks, in sparsely wooded areas, parks and even near marshlands. The type of habitat near which the camp is located will determine the species of birds that will be seen.

Many state- or federally-owned campgrounds have Nature trails as do increasing numbers of city, county, and private campgrounds. A little study will enable the prospective "birder" to learn which species to look for in a given area or habitat type. Two bird field guides that will aid the camper-birder are "A Field Guide to the Birds" (new edition) by Roger Tory Peterson, and "Birds of North America" by Robbins, Bruun, Zim and Singer. Both books help to associate birds with their common habitats as well as giving excellent field marks for identification purposes.

Recently, I had another opportunity to camp on the shores of Buggs Island Reservoir in Mecklenburg County. A large group of us camped in the group camping area of North Bend Park near Kerr Dam which forms the big reservoir.

The campgrounds are administered by the Corps of Engineers and are well-organized, convenient, clean and safe. Our camp sites were variable within the group area. Some sites were down on the water, under mainly a canopy of pines. Others were farther up the slight slope in a grassy clearing surrounded by mixed hardwoods and thicket-hollows. Kingbirds were our most consistent companions sitting high atop the pines, chattering and flashing out to catch insects—which, I might add, were generally not too bothersome to the campers. A considerable number of pine warblers moved about the tree tops as did a pair of brown-headed nuthatches, a little bird of the southern pinewoods that is getting scarce.

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